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Postponed due to weather; Aruba's Children's Carnival Parade will take place today

ORANJESTAD – A joint decision between Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman, Aruba Police Force and the Carnival administrative body, SAC, resulted in a postponement of the Oranjestad Children's Carnival Parade, scheduled for yesterday afternoon, because of the heavy rains, until today at 2:00 p.m. The route stays the same.

The decision was taken after consultation with the Aruba Meteorological Department on the weather situation. Their prediction was vague; the department could not confirm if the skies were going to clear up or if it would continue raining.

Prime Minister Eman also officially declared that the community will have OFFICIALLY a half day

off to attend the parade. He consulted with the Aruba Bankers Association President Javier Wolter and ATIA President Ronny van Trigt for their cooperation in giving the private sector the afternoon hours off. The government department will have the entire day off, as far as it is possible to allow with consideration for necessary services such as police, medics, hospital etc. He also kindly requests the private sector to cooperate with all those who need the entire day off to prepare the children or a group for the parade.

Regarding why the parade could not be postponed until Friday, the reason given was that on Thursday San Nicolas will conduct its lighting parade until late at night and on Saturday Jouvert Morning

commences at 4:00 AM followed by the final San Nicolas grand parade; the Oranjestad Grand Carnival Parade in Oranjestad will be on Sunday. Logistically, it is seen as neither safe nor prudent to have the Children's Parade on Friday.

In response to the question if the children will have a day off from school on Tuesday, the answer was NO. According to Minister Eman, the Monday following the Children's Parade in San Nicolas is not an off day and the children always go to school normally, with no problem. He kindly asked all parents to take their children home to rest after the parade so they can be prepared for school on Tuesday.

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Kadhafi slams UN sanctions and claims Libya is calm

BELGRADE, (AFP) - Libyan strongman Moamer Kadhafi dismissed UN sanctions as invalid and claimed calm had returned to Libya this week-end as the territories held by the opposition were surrounded.

In a rare statement to foreign media broadcast on Serbian television, Kadhafi also blamed al-Qaeda extremists for the killings since the anti-regime protests began around February 15. "The Security Council adopted a resolution which is invalid in accordance with the UN Charter, it is void," Kadhafi told Serbian Pink Television in a 10-minute statement in Arabic that was dubbed in Serbian.

"How is it possible that the Security Council adopts a resolution based on a media report. It is unacceptable and goes against common sense," he said.

The Security Council called for a travel ban and assets

freeze against Kadhafi and his family and associates, and an arms embargo against Libya, where the UN says more than 1,000 people have been killed.

In his telephone statement to Serbian television the Libyan leader insisted the situation in his North African country was calm at the moment.

"There are no incidents at the moment and Libya is completely quiet. There is nothing unusual. There is no unrest," he claimed, adding that while people were killed on both sides it was only a small number.

"People were killed by terrorist gangs and they are without a doubt Al-Qaeda," he said.

Of the territory held by the opposition Kadhafi said: "There is a small group (of op-

ponents) that is surrounded, but we will sort that out."

Kadhafi gave his statement to journalist Miodrag Popovic at Pink, owned by media mogul Zeljko Mitrovic, former ally of the late Serb strongman Slobodan Milosevic.

Mitrovic reportedly lent his private plane to Zoran Lilic, former Yugoslav president (1993-1997) and a personal friend of Kadhafi.

Footage shown by Pink television before and after the Kadhafi's statement aired, focused on the alleged normality of daily life in Tripoli -- showing Kadhafi supporters, cars circulating in the centre and people eating bread to counter reports that Libyans are going hungry.

North Korea threatens US, South with 'all-out war'



SEOUL, South.Korea (AFP) - North Korea threatened "all-out war" in response to exercises by South Korean and US troops due to start and told Seoul to stop cross-border propaganda, upping the rhetoric against its arch rivals.

Pyongyang would respond to the upcoming drill, with "unprecedented all-out counteraction" that would turn the South's capital Seoul into a "sea of flames", the Korean Central News Agency said.

"The army and people of the DPRK will return bolstered nuclear deterrent of our own style for the continued nuclear threat... and our own missile striking action for their vicious

attempt to eliminate our missiles," KCNA said.

The statement was in contrast to more conciliatory comments it made earlier this year aimed at securing peace talks with the United States but came after Pyongyang officials stormed out of talks with the South this month.

Key Resolve, a command post exercise involving computer simulation, will last until March 10. Part of Foal Eagle, a joint air, ground and naval training exercise, will continue through April 30.

The exercise reportedly includes scenarios such as localised provocations, tracing weapons of mass destruction, a sudden regime change in the communist state and an exodus of refugees, Yonhap news agency reported.

Cross-border tension has been acute since the North's deadly shelling of a frontier island in November that killed four South Koreans including two civilians and sparked fears of war.



BOLIVIA, La Paz : Locals recover belongings with trucks in the southern Valle de Las Flores area, in La Paz, yesterday, following landslides caused by heavy rains affecting the region. At least 150 houses have been devastated by the landslides.
AFP PHOTO

Tunisia gets new premier after new violence

TUNIS (AFP) - Tunisia's prime minister Mohammed Ghannouchi resigned yesterday and was replaced by Beji Caid Essebsi, a former minister, after anti-government protests left five people dead over the weekend.

Security forces again clashed with protesters in Tunis demanding the removal of some ministers of Ghannouchi's interim government before the premier announced his resignation.

"The acts of violence and looting, the unrest and the fires on Habib Bourguiba avenue in Tunis on week-end have left five people dead," said a min-

istry statement quoted by TAP news agency.

"These human losses happened during the clashes" with "interior security forces which tried to push back a group of young people armed with knives and stones that tried to storm the interior ministry headquarters."

The ministry said the "acts committed by these agitators, who do not want Tunisia to be stable... (were) serious."

Ghannouchi earlier said he decided to quit after just over six weeks as interim prime minister but was "not running away from responsibility".

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If the police find no one at home they will leave a yellow note behind indicating the reason for their visit and an appeal to pay the fine the soonest possible at the cashier of the Office of the Public Justice (OM). The Cashier of the Office is open weekly from 8:00 am to 11:30am and from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm in the afternoon. They will receive cash or check and

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The Fortino's "Rat Pack" makes the scene at Zissles

It was an exceptionally memorable farewell night for the franchisees of Fortino's "Supermarkets with a Heart" of Canada as they were whisked away after their dinner at the Riu Palace to be greeted like the A-listers they are at Zissles Dinner Club in the Paseo Herencia Mall in Palm Beach last Friday evening.

Paparazzi were present to capture the elegantly dress group as they exited their limousines be-gowned and be-jeweled, with the men sporting classic "Rat Pack" dress a la Frank Sinatra and the crew.



Caroline of Fortino's greets special guests



charismatic performance and virtuosity on the piano, along with a great voice, is one of the most electrifying shows Aruba has ever seen.

This was Fortino's third trip to the island; they are returning after nearly 17 years since the last one; thanks to the efforts of their travel arranger Terry and the fabulous final night arranged for them by Michel of Red Sail Sports, Ingrid and the Zissles crew and Mosaic Events, they all agree, the most memorable!

They walked the red carpet where the D'Licious cast screamed and fainted over their celebrity status, all in the name of great fun and make believe. Caroline of Fortino's, who oversees their bi-annual trips declared the end of the evening "one of the most exciting we have experienced in Aruba, everyone is enjoying this immensely."

The "Fortino's Pack" ended their night thrilled to the spectacular song stylings of Tammy T, one of the premiere piano lounge performers in the world, who follows

the regularly scheduled D'Licious show at Zissles, beginning at 10:00 p.m. Her

by Rosalie Klein



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Scandal-hit French foreign minister resigns



PARIS, France (AFP) – Beleaguered French foreign minister Michele Alliot-Marie announced her resignation after weeks of criticism over

her contacts with the former Tunisian regime, stressing she had committed no wrongdoing. "While I do not feel that I have committed any wrongdoing, I have... decided to leave my job as foreign minister," Alliot-Marie wrote in her resignation letter to President Nicolas Sarkozy, a copy of which was seen by AFP.

"I ask you to accept my resignation," she wrote in the letter which begins with a handwritten "Dear Nicolas."

"Since several weeks, I have been the target of political attacks and then in the media, using, to create suspicion, counter-truths and generalisations," wrote Alliot-Marie, who was named France's first woman foreign minister in December.

"For the last two weeks, it is my family's private life that has been suffering real harassment at the hands of certain media (and) I cannot accept that some people use this cabal to try to make people believe in a weakening of France's international policy."

"I have too much consideration for politics in the service of France to accept being used as a pretext for such an operation (and) I have too much loyalty to and friendship for you to accept that your international action could in any way suffer from it."

MAM, as she is universally known, became embroiled in recent weeks in a series of scandals over her controversial links to Tunisia, where she took a holiday during its popular uprising.

Subsequent revelations about her and her family's

links to the regime of Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, and her offer for France to help riot police quell the uprising there, made her position increasingly untenable.

It emerged that she had holidayed in the former French colony during the uprising, using the private jet of a businessman allegedly linked to Ben Ali's regime, from whom her parents also bought a stake in a company.

Faced with rising criticism, she fatefully said: "When I am on holiday, I am not foreign minister."

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Sci-Tech

Videogame makers seek footing on shifting landscape



Visitors are seen here playing with Xbox 360 games consoles during a game convention in France, in 2010.

SAN FRANCISCO, California (AFP) – Videogame makers from around the globe are gathering to seek paths to fortune and glory on a landscape upset by social networks, smartphones, tablet computers, and the Internet "cloud."

More than 18,000 industry insiders are expected to attend the weeklong Game Developers Conference that kicks off today in downtown San Francisco.

The event has grown into the world's largest confab of videogame professionals since it started in 1988 with about two dozen computer game loving software developers meeting in a living room.

Major themes at GDC will include adapting to the booming popularity of "social games" at online communities such as Facebook and casual play on smartphones or tablet computers.

"In past years developers treated social games like second-class citizens to consoles," said Scott Steinberg,

lead videogame analyst at TechSavvy Global.

"Now, they are facing the reality that this is where the future might lie."

Revenue from social games is likely to exceed a billion dollars this year, according to industry tracker eMarketer.

Facebook stands to benefit nicely from the trend, since about half of its more than 500 million members play games and the social network takes a 30 percent cut of revenue from game transactions.

Internet game playground Hi5 will introduce at GDC a SocioPay platform designed to ramp-up the amount of money developers pump from their creations.

SocioPay will complement a recently-launched Hi5 SocioPath portal that enables game applications to break free of Facebook while letting players stay connected to friends at the social network.

"Think of these as services that give social games the monetization platform and social network features they get from Facebook, but they don't need Facebook to do it," Hi5 president Alex St. John told AFP.

"Social gaming is going to continue to grow dramatically, and one of the ways it is going to escape from the confines of Facebook," he added.

SocioPay times offers of virtual goods to when people are likely to accept and shows video ads to penurious players.

Fewer than two percent of social game players pay anything, according to industry statistics.

"The system intelligently separates people who will pay and who won't, then monetizes non-payers with ads," said St. John, whose background includes founding game website Wild Tangent and working on Microsoft's Xbox videogame console.

"Not only does it double your money, players like it better."

Hi5 shares in revenues from games it publishes.

Startup Blue Noodle at GDC will unveil Clickstrip technology that pays players in-game currency for clicking on-screen bars to watch 30-second video ads.

"Brands are really interested right now in the social space," said Blue Noodle chief executive Lesley Mansford. "Social networking social gaming is huge."

Habbo Hotel owned by Finland-based Sulake Corp. boasts being the biggest social game community for teenagers, with 16 million young people using the website monthly.

Habbo sells virtual components for people to create online games. It is free to join and play.

For example, someone will buy a virtual soccer field, goals, and ball, then invite friends to take part in matches for free.

A hot game involves creating faux hospitals where friends represented by animated characters play at being doctors, nurses or patients, according to Habbo executive vice president Teemu Huuhtanen.

A version of Habbo tailored for tablet computers is poised for release later this year when a second-generation iPad and devices running on Google's "Honeycomb" software take hold in the market.

"Social games are going to go to tablets," Huuhtanen said. "I don't think a lot of people understand how fast the world is going toward tablets and mobile."

Topics at GDC will include crafting games to be played on mobile gadgets and in Internet browser windows, as well as titles hosted as services online.

Developers will also explore the promise of 3D games and titles for play using motion-sensing controls for Microsoft Xbox 360 or Sony PlayStation 3 (PS3) videogame consoles.

Kinect for Xbox 360 and Move for PS3 have been hits since their releases late last year in a sign there is still money to be made with blockbuster console titles.

"The game industry continues to be an area of turbulence because everyone is trying to figure out where the future lies," Steinberg said.

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Humanoids run world's first robot marathon race



A humanoid robot "Robovie PC" (R) of Japanese robot venture Vstone and "Robovie PC-Lite" react to spectators after finishing the world's first full-length marathon for two-legged robots. (AFP PHOTO)

OSAKA, Japan (AFP) – Robovie-PC, a toy-sized humanoid, won the world's first full-length marathon for two-legged robots by a whisker Saturday, beating its closest rival by a single second after more than two days of racing.

Five bipedal machines began the non-stop 42.2-kilometer (26.2-mile) contest on a 100-meter indoor track in the western Japanese city of Osaka Thursday morning after doing knee bends or raising their hands to greet spectators.

One of the competitors retired after finishing only the first lap, but the others continued running day and night, getting up by themselves every time they fell to the floor or got into collisions with rivals.

Robovie-PC, 40 centimeters (16 inches) tall and weighing 2.4 kilograms (5.3 pounds), stormed into first place with only a few laps to go after Robovie-PC Lite,

which had established a comfortable lead and appeared to have secured an easy victory, suddenly locked up.

Robovie-PC Lite managed to return to the track and fiercely chased the leader, but after 422 laps Robovie-PC crossed the line in 54 hours 57 minutes 50 seconds, organisers said, one second ahead of its rival.

Their average speed was 0.77 kilometres per hour.

After the dramatic finish the two robots -- both made by Vstone Co., a robot technology firm based in the industrial city which also organised the "Robo Mara Full" race -- waved their arms and bowed, to wild applause from the crowd.

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New York mayor bans smoking in parks, beaches:

NEW YORK (AFP) — the city that never smokes. Mayor Michael Bloomberg signed a law banning smoking in parks, beaches and busy gathering places like Times Square, the health department said.

The law, approved by the City Council at the start of February, will be backed up with \$50 fines, the department said. It will take effect in 90 days, ending smoking in parks, pedestrian zones and 14 miles (23 kilometers) of beaches. Smoking is already forbidden in office buildings, bars and restaurants. Health Commissioner Thomas Farley said the rules would make those public spots "healthier places than ever. I encourage those still smoking to take this opportunity to quit smoking today." Officials estimate there are 950,000 adult smokers and another 18,000 teenagers lighting up in New York City, which has a population of 8.4 million.



Asian feet made for more than just walking:



HONG KONG (AFP) — Most people put one in front of the other as a most basic way to get around, though they often come in handy to kick a ball, ride a bicycle or dance a jig -- maybe even walk a tightrope. But in Asia, feet are far more than just the two pins that keep us upright and get us from A to B -- they can lead people into a cultural minefield.

In India, touching another person's feet is perceived as a sign of respect for their knowledge and experience, usually reserved for family elders and teachers and parents.

Feet also play a prominent role in Indian wedding ceremonies. During Hindu weddings in western India, the bride's parents wash the groom's feet. In eastern India, the bride dips her feet in a mixture of milk and a red dye before entering the groom's house, leaving red footprints on the floor.

Hindu and Muslim women decorate their feet with henna in the run-up to weddings, and Hindu brides traditionally wear toe-rings after the wedding to signify their married status.

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Your Medicine Cabinet May Be Your Pet's Worst Enemy

-- Giving medications meant for humans to pets can be dangerous, a veterinarian warns.

"Administration of human medications should only occur with the recommendation and supervision of a veterinarian," Dr. Carolyn MacAllister, an Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension veterinarian, said in a university news release.

"Accidental pet poisoning is a common problem when pet owners intentionally give medication in an attempt to make their pet feel better. Pet poisoning also happens inadvertently when an animal has access to medications that are in their environment. If you have pets you should pet-proof your home just as you would if there were small children in the home," she advised.

Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), such as ibuprofen and naproxen, can cause stomach and intestinal ulcers, as well as serious kid-

ney problems, in dogs, cats, birds and other pets, MacAllister said.

Acetaminophen is another popular medication that is safe in humans but could cause serious harm to pets.

"One regular strength tablet of acetaminophen

may cause damage to a cat's red blood cells, which limits their ability to carry oxygen. In dogs, acetaminophen can lead to liver problems, and if consumed in large doses, red blood cell damage," she said.

The long list of drugs that can harm your pet includes antidepressants, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder medicines, sleep aids, birth control pills, ACE inhibitors, beta blockers, thyroid hormones and cholesterol-lowering agents.



"These medicines can cause a range of problems, including liver damage, heart issues, seizures, elevated body temperature, decreased blood pressure, severe lethargy and slowed breathing," MacAllister warned.

"Even seemingly benign over-the-counter or herbal medications may cause serious poisoning in pets," she added.

If your pet does consume any human medications, call your veterinarian immediately.

'King's Speech' spotlights stress of stuttering

MCLEAN, Virginia (AFP) — When the envelopes are opened Sunday at the Academy Awards ceremony in Hollywood, Keiko Brown will be rooting for "The King's Speech" to take home best film, best actor, best everything.

Brown's 17-year-old daughter Melanie stutters, as did King George VI, who is played in the movie by British actor Colin Firth.

To the mother of a child who stutters, "The King's Speech," which has been nominated for multiple Oscars including best film and best actor for Firth, has gone a long way toward teaching people with fluid speech about the high-stress world of stutterers.

"Before, nobody really understands," said the Japan native as she sat in the waiting room of therapist Vivian Siskin, the University of Maryland speech disorder expert who had just led Melanie and three other teenage girls with stutters through a one-hour therapy session.

"People say they under-



King George VI (1895-1952)

stand, but I don't think they really do understand how much they suffer and how much stress they have every single day," Brown said, her gaze fixed on Melanie, sitting at her side.

"The King's Speech" is based on the true story of how a speech therapist helped George VI control a severe, lifelong stutter to allow the monarch to address the British people as they prepared to enter World War II.

The National Stuttering Association hailed it as an "accurate depiction of people who stutter through the compelling

story of a real-life hero."

Stutterers are often thought to be stupid and nervous, but the four girls in therapy with Siskin are anything but.

Jacqueline Speiser, 16, is an "A" student at the best public high school in the United States, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, in Virginia.

She started therapy with Siskin around four months ago after she realized "I was messing up my advanced Spanish course, because I would stutter during presentations."

Melanie wants to be a doctor when she grows up. Claire wants to be a genetics counselor, and Dina Trembinsky, 16, has her eye on a job in communications and advertising.

Some fluid speakers assume -- wrongly -- that stutters are caused by abusive parents or are a psychological disorder.

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Michael Harrison is an extraordinarily talented ventriloquist, comedian, and puppeteer. He has worked alongside numerous acts, from The Muppets to Boyz to Men. He also headlined for some of the world's most luxurious cruise lines including Princess, Norwegian, Royal Caribbean and Holland America. His many talents allow him to create performances for all type of audiences; adults, kids and family. Companies such as, Verizon Wireless and Sandals Resorts have booked his corporate comedy act. His family show is so finely tuned that Disney, the world's largest entertainment company, booked him for 8 consecutive years and over 1500 performances as the headline act for Disney Cruise Line.

Michael wrote and starred

in the award winning television show, "Kids in the Fire-hall." The show aired on the Family Channel in Canada and on Nickelodeon in the US. It was awarded the prestigious Bronze Apple from the National Educational Media Network, the Award of Excellence in Children's Television by the Parents Choice Foundation and the Award of Merit from The Alliance for Children and Television.

Michael recently took his talents to a new level when he appeared on the hugely successful television show, "America's Got Talent." He was the only ventriloquist chosen to compete this year for the grand prize of 1 million dollars and the opportunity to perform in Las Vegas. He finished in the top 50 as a semi-finalist and received glowing reviews from the celebrity judges, David Hasselhoff, Sharon Osborne and Piers Morgan. They auditioned a record 25,000 acts for this year's show, which averaged over 12 million viewers for NBC.

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Kiki Arndt, the tireless founder and single volunteer of Cas Animal, is collaborating with Aruba's official carnival administrators, Stichting Arubaanse Carnaval, or SAC, to organize a "Doggy Carnival Parade" to raise funds so she can continue her mission of saving Aruba's stray and abused dogs and cats.

The parade is this coming Tuesday, March 1, beginning at 5:00 PM. Those wishing to participate can register at the point of origin, the parking lot of the former Rio restaurant, on the corner of the Sasaki Highway and the access road to The Mill Resort. Registration begins at 3:30 PM and cost 25 Aruban florins, (\$14.00) which includes eligibility to win some very nice prizes for owners and their canines, in the Best Costume and Queen, Prince and Pancho contests.

The parade will proceed down the Irausquin Boulevard, past all the Palm Beach Resorts, and finish in the courtyard of the Palm Beach Plaza Mall, where the winners of the various contests will be announced. The panel of judges includes President of SAC, Tecla Kelly-Hernandez, one of the vets from Contreras Veterinary Clinic, and a local



Rainbow costumes are great for carnival

celebrity. Certain criteria will earn entrants extra points in the final decision:

1) Being old, somewhat disabled (missing a limb) or blind will not detract from the possibility of winning. Dogs must be otherwise healthy and obviously well cared for.

2) Having a neutered pet will earn additional points.

3) Costumes will be judged on standards used

for carnival children's parades. Elements of originality, quality of execution and creativity will add or detract points; a complete ensemble of coordinated headwear, footwear and body outfit will be taken into consideration.

4) Masters and dogs who wear coordinated costumes will earn extra points.

5) In no way can the costume cause the dog any distress. Make up is allowed as long as it does not do the dogs harm or cause discomfort. No jewels can be glued to their bodies, the use of mascara is discouraged, and their coats should not be painted.

6) There will be extra points for roadpieces.

7) Final judging will also take into consideration the themes of the costumes; owners are encouraged to tell a story. The more elaborate the costume, the better the chance of winning.

8) There are extra points to be earned for entering more than one dog; two males and a female can be entered as a team to win all titles of Queen, Prince & Pancho.

9) Friends wishing to group their dogs together as a "carnival group" are encouraged, and will win extra points.

10) Extra points will be

awarded for dogs that can perform tricks.

11) A grand prize, plus first and second runner-up prizes will be awarded.

Dressing your dog in a carnival costume is not required to join the canine march through Palm Beach; the event is to raise awareness about the humane treatment of animals on Aruba and to assist Kiki in caring for the more than 80 dogs and puppies she has rescued and keeps in her home, with an additional 38 cats at the house of a friend. There will be a refreshment station for dogs and masters along the route, which is exactly 2 km, and at the finish.

The Carnival Doggie Parade promises to be a wildly fun event, enjoyable for partic-



Batman and Robin

ipants and onlookers. Souvenir tee shirts will be sold, and Pet Palace will maintain a booth of exclusive products for pampered pets.

Since coming to live on Aruba 14 years ago, Kiki has been retrieving dogs and cats off the streets and nursing them back to health while rehabilitating them psychologically from mistreatment. Her costs for care and feeding of the 80 dogs in her care are astronomical, and all donations

are appreciated. For information or to participate in the March 1 event, call 565-2130 or 742-8732. Kiki also maintains a free Animal Ambulance to transport sick or injured dogs to the vet's office when their owners are unable to do so as well as rescuing dogs off the streets. Contributions can be made through CMB Bank account # 25762110 under the name of Cas Animal.

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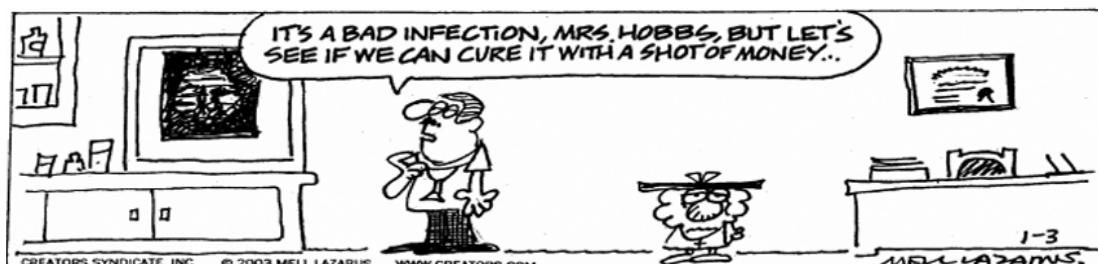
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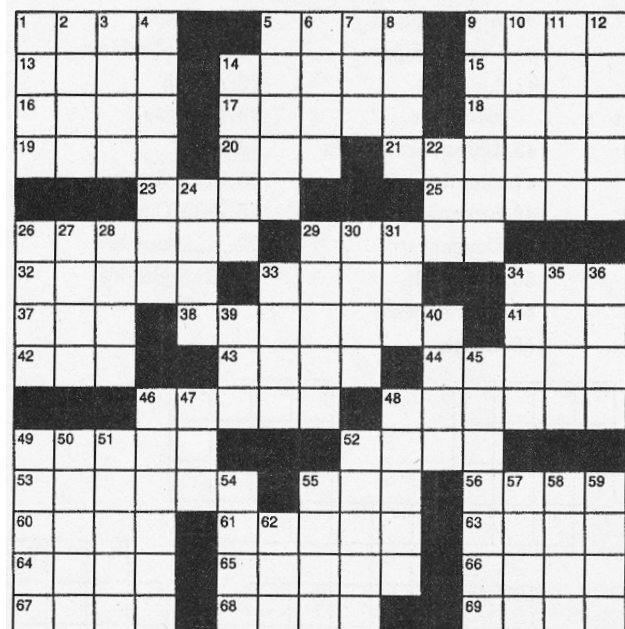


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SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Gas prices over \$4.00 per gallon are displayed in front of a Shell gas station on week-end in San Francisco, California. As unrest persists in Libya and other Middle-East countries, gas prices have spiked nearly 12 cents per gallon this week and surged 6 cents overnight. The national average price for one gallon of regular increased Friday to \$3.287

(Justin Sullivan/Getty Images/AFP)



INDIA, NEW DELHI : Indian health workers, part of the government sponsored child-care and mother-care centre Aganwadi, shout anti-government slogans during a demonstration in New Delhi. The demonstrators demanded to be recognised as full-time government employees and receive better pay.

(AFP PHOTO/RAVEENDRAN)

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Russia could 'lose \$4 bn' in Libya arms deals



Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin (left) looks at a model of a T-90 tank during a tour of the Uralvagonzavod weapons manufacturing facility in Nizhny Tagil on December 8, 2009.
(AFP/Pool/File/Alexey Druzhinin)

MOSCOW (AFP) — Russia could lose almost \$4.0 billion in arms export contracts to Libya after Moscow joined other world powers in slapping an arms embargo on Moamer Kadhafi's regime, a report said

The Interfax news agency quoted a military source as

saying that Russia had an order book for contracts from Libya worth \$2.0 billion while negotiations had been in progress for deals worth \$1.8 billion more.

"Among the countries of the Middle East and North Africa, Libya is one of the

main buyers of Russian weapons," the source, which was not identified, told the agency.

"As of today, contracts for military hardware of around \$2.0 billion had been agreed with Libya.

"Work on contracts for aviation equipment and air defence was also in the final stage. These were valued at \$1.8 billion," the source said.

Russia was initially slow to echo Western condemnation of Kadhafi amid his bloody crackdown on an uprising but on week-end it joined other UN Security Council members in ordering an arms embargo against Libya and other sanctions.

Another report last week said Russia could lose a total of up to \$10 billion in arms sales from the wave of unrest currently destabilising regimes in north Africa and the Middle East.

The Interfax source recalled that Libyan Defence Minister Yunis Jaber had gone on a major spending spree during a January 2010 visit to Moscow, signing 1.3 billion euros (\$1.8 billion) worth of deals including for six Yak-130 military planes.

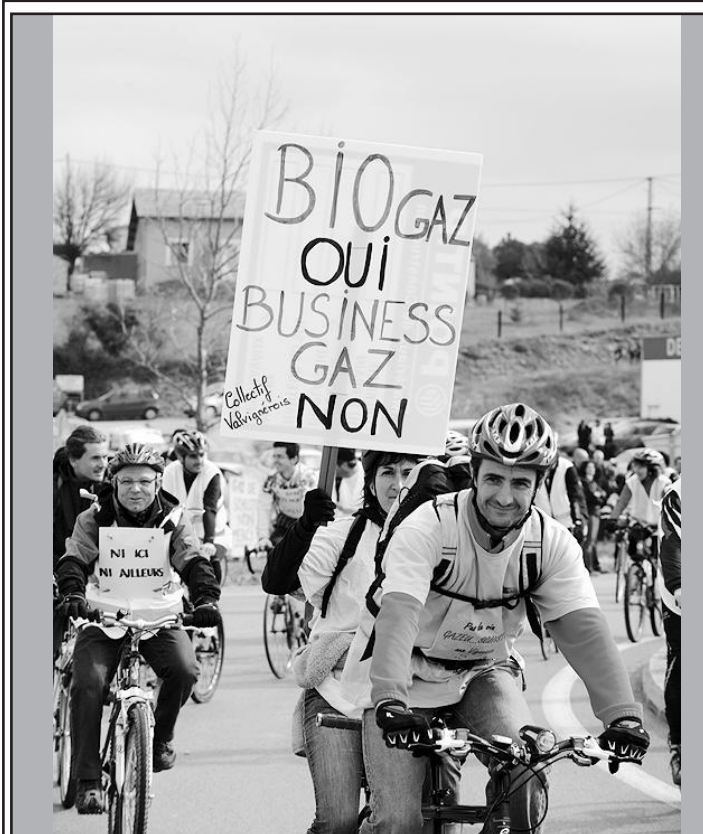
Meanwhile, Libya had also been expected to become the first foreign buyer of Russia's new Su-35 fighter and a contract worth \$800 million for 12-15 planes had been ready for signing, the source said.

A range of other contracts for helicopters and missile systems were also being discussed.

Libya had also shown great interest in Russia's new S-400 missile defence system, its T-90S tanks, submarines and rocket launchers, the source said.

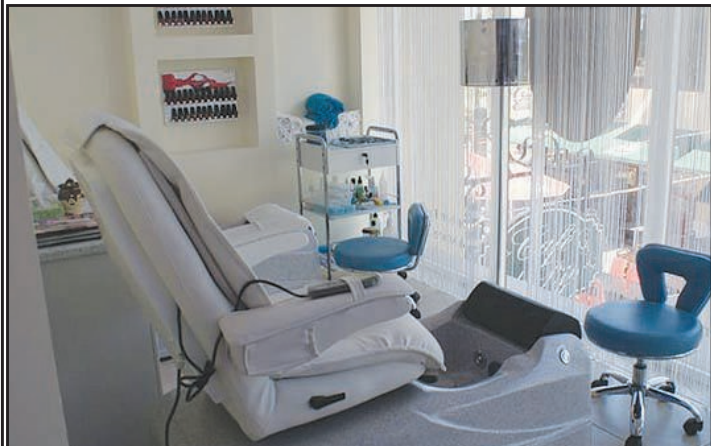
The Soviet Union had delivered a huge amount of military hardware to Libya before the collapse of the USSR, including 350 fighter jets between 1981 and 1985 as well as 4,000 military vehicles and tanks.

As well as its economic value, Russia's arms deals with the Middle East was also a crucial component of its bid to reassert its clout in the region which waned after the collapse of the USSR.



VILLENEUVE-DE-BERG -- Bikers demonstrate to protest against shale gas exploration in Ardeche, central France, and in Villeneuve-de-Berg, central France. The protest was called by a local committee titled 'Stop au gaz de schiste' (Stop to shale gas). The first drillings are scheduled in the area for the end of the year. The former one took place here in 1959. The poster reads: 'Yes to green gas, no to business gas' AFP PHOTO

La Vie Med-Spa opens at SoBe Centre



South Beach Centre -- La Vie Med Spa and Beauty Salon just opened offering a variety of innovative treatments including European Facials and Teen Facials, for oily acne prone skin, Hot & Cold Stone Facials, Micro Needle Therapy designed to penetrate the epidermis and help restore youth and elasticity, Dermafile, for polished perfection, Collagen, Elastin with Paraffin Treatments, Galvanic Facelift for toning, and Blended Peels which erase wrinkles and lighten the skin, with the help of organic fruit and vitamins.

La Vie Med Spa also offered a complete menu of body massages, wraps and exfoliation, utilizing Dead Sea Salts, Chamomile Mud, Seaweed Mud, Paraffin, Sugar, Geranium, Sage and Salt and naturally, Aruba's famous Aloe, to truly invigorate and detoxify body skin.

The just-opened spa offers interesting Exfoliation and Wrap combos as well as more advanced as-seen-on-

TV options such as Spider Vein Therapy, Pre and Post Plastic Surgery treatments, Cellulite Treatments, Tattoo Removals, Laser Hair Removal, Waxing, Permanent Make Up, Make Up for special occasion, the latest in Cosmetic Dental Whitening and a full service hair salon.

Naturally, no spa is complete without a detailed Hand & Foot Care menu, with a special Hand Rejuvenation Treatment offered to moisturize aging dry and rough hands.

La Vie Med Spa is available to receive birthday celebrations and bachelorette parties, with complimentary sauna use, herbal teas and more, for a minimum of 6 people.

The brand new spa is beautifully appointed and decorated to help patrons reach the state of ultimate beauty in a most relaxing, gracious environment. LaVieMedSpa@gmail.com, located upstairs behind J.H. Yee Asian Bistro, ample parking on site.

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and



town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only

quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.



are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260

a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate re-



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SAINT PETERSBURG (AFP) –Russian President Dmitry Medvedev (R) speaks with Queen Sofia (2nd R) as Spanish King Juan Carlos (2nd L) speaks with Russian first lady Svetlana Medvedeva (L) during the 'Prado' exhibition opening ceremony in The Hermitage in St. Petersburg. The visit came after the Spanish museum and Saint Petersburg's Hermitage agreed to exchange works by such masters as Rembrandt, El Greco, Murillo and Velazquez as part of a swap commemorating a year of cultural ties between the two countries.

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Elizabeth Taylor spends 79th birthday in hospital

LOS ANGELES, California – Two-time Oscar winner Elizabeth Taylor cheered for "The King's Speech" to win the Academy Award for best film last night, her 79th birthday, from a hospital where she remains in treatment for heart problems.

A representative for Taylor said the actress continues resting at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles where she was taken over two weeks ago suffering symptoms of congestive heart failure -- an ongoing problem for the Hollywood legend.

"Elizabeth Taylor spent a quiet birthday this year as she continues to rest and recover at Cedars-Sinai," her spokeswoman said in a statement on Sunday. "She watched the Academy Awards with family and close friends and was rooting for 'The King's Speech.' A proper birthday celebration will be planned for when she returns home."

Taylor, an Oscar winner for "Who's Afraid of Virginia

Wolf" in 1966 and "Butterfield 8" in 1960, achieved stardom at the tender age of 12 in "National Velvet."

As an adult, she became famous for her acting and her beauty as well as her eight marriages -- twice to actor Richard Burton.

But in recent years, she has struggled with health issues. In 2004, it was announced that she suffered congestive heart failure in which the heart cannot pump enough blood to organs. She underwent heart surgery in 2009 to replace a leaky valve.

Taylor has been using a wheelchair for more than five years to cope with chronic pain after breaking her back four



times, and she has had three hip-replacement operations, a benign brain tumor, skin cancer and pneumonia.

She has not appeared on screen since the 2001 TV movie "Old Brides," and her last Hollywood movie role was in the 1994 live action comedy "The Flintstones."

'Airbender', 'Sex and the City' win worst film gongs

LOS ANGELES (AFP) – Martial arts fantasy flick "The Last Airbender" have swept the board at the pre-Oscar Razzie awards for the worst movies of 2010, while "Sex and the City 2" also won one of the dubious honors.

"Airbender," a box office hit but a critical miss, took the Golden Raspberry for worst movie, worst director, worst screenplay and worst supporting actor, as well as the useful new category of Worst Eye-Gouging Mis-Use of 3D.

Director M. Night Shyamalan, described as a "repeat offender" at the annual spoof eve-of-Oscars awards, could take some comfort as he failed to win Worst Prequel, Remake, Rip-Off or Sequel, for which he was also nominated.

The movie tells the story of Aang, a young successor to a long line of Avatars, who must put his childhood ways aside and stop the Fire Nation from enslaving the Water, Earth and Air nations.

Someone must have liked it though, as the summer 2010



"Sex and the City 2" -Cynthia Nixon, Kristin Davis, Sarah Jessica Parker and Kim Cattrall see here from L to R

movie has so far taken nearly \$320 million at the box office around the world, according to the Box Office Mojo movie tracking website.

"Sex and the City 2" -- which has earned \$290 million -- meanwhile earned worst ensemble Razzie, as well as the worst actress award, jointly bestowed on the stars Sarah Jessica Parker, Kristin Davis, Kim Cattrall and Cynthia Nixon.

Worst actor meanwhile went to Ashton Kutcher, for his performance in two films: "Killers" and "Valentine's Day," while the unfortunate Jessica Alba won worst supporting actress for four movies she appeared in last year: "The Killer Inside Me," "Little Fockers," "Machete" and "Valentine's Day."

The Razzies winners were announced on the eve of the Academy Awards, the climax of Hollywood's annual awards season.

While the Oscars winners are voted on by the nearly 6,000 voting members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the Razzies are chosen by 637 voters in 46 US states, and 17 other countries, organizers say.

Unlike the prestigious gold-plated Oscar statuettes handed out, the Razzie trophy is in the form of a raspberry, roughly the size of a golf ball, sprayed with gold paint and nestled on a reel of old Super 8 film.

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Cricket: India and England in sensational tie



Indian cricketer Zaheer Khan jumps in air as he celebrates with teammate Virat Kohli after taking the wicket of unseen England cricketer Andrew Strauss. (AFP PHOTO)

BANGALORE, India (AFP) - India and England tied a thrilling World Cup clash here yesterday in a match which yielded 676 runs and was adorned by blistering centuries from Sachin Tendulkar and Andrew Strauss.

England, chasing a World Cup record 339 to win, finished on 338 for eight having scored 13 off the last over when 14 were needed for victory.

Zaheer Khan's dramatic three-wicket burst turned the match back in India's favour after England captain Strauss's man-of-the-match winning innings of 158.

Earlier, India great Tendulkar's record-breaking 120 saw him become the first man to score five World Cup hun-

dreds.

Khan took three wickets for one run in six balls, including two in two, as England slumped from 281 for two to 285 for five.

Tim Bresnan (14) revived England's innings before he was bowled by leg-spinner Piyush Chawla to leave his side 325 for eight and needing 14 off the last over from Munaf Patel.

But Ajmal Shahzad launched Patel for six to leave England needing five from three balls in front of a frenzied crowd at the Chinnaswamy Stadium.

Shahzad and Graeme Swann ran a single to make the target four from two. They ran two more to leave England requiring two for victory off the last ball.

But they managed just a single to produce only the fourth tie in World Cup history.

Strauss and Ian Bell (69) put on 170 for the third wicket before Khan had Bell holing out.

Next ball he had Strauss lbw with a brilliant yorker to end the left-handed opener's 145-ball innings featuring a six and 18 fours that beat his previous one-day best of 154 against Bangladesh last year.

Strauss's was the first hundred by an England captain at the World Cup and the highest score by an England batsman, beating the 137 made by Dennis Amiss against India in the competition's inaugural match at Lord's in 1975.

England then needed 58 off 43 balls with two fresh batsmen at the crease but they were in the first over of the batting powerplay. Khan then bowled Paul Collingwood and finished with three for 64.

There had been controversy when Strauss and Bell's partnership was worth just 52.

Left-arm spinner Yuvraj Singh thought he had Bell lbw on review for 17, with replays showing the ball would have hit the stumps.

Bell had started to walk off but because New Zealand umpire Billy Bowden's verdict was not out, the decision was returned to him by Australian replay official Rod Tucker and the Kiwi deemed Bell to be too far down the pitch.

But he enraged India fans who had seen Bell 'dismissed' on the giant replay screens.

An unruffled Strauss advanced to drive Yuvraj for a superb six before Bell completed a 45-ball fifty with a six when he swept leg-spinner Piyush Chawla.

Bell was reprieved again on 68, with England 278 for two in the 42nd over, when he was dropped by slip Virat Kohli off Chawla.

Earlier, Tendulkar had faced 115 balls with 10 fours and five sixes. Yuvraj ensured there was no respite for England with a quickfire 58.

James Anderson conceded 91 runs in 9.5 overs to give the paceman the most expensive analysis by an England bowler at the World Cup, beating Derek Pringle's none for 83 against the West Indies at Gujranwala in 1987.

But Bresnan picked up several late wickets to finish with career-best figures of five for 48.

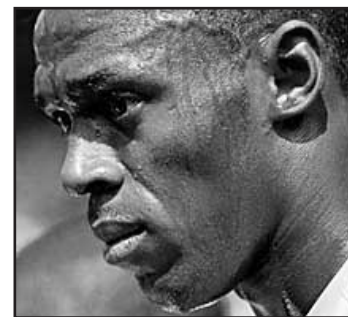
Bolt to headline Paris Diamond League meet

PARIS, France (AFP) - World and Olympic double sprint champion Usain Bolt of Jamaica will race in this season's Diamond League meeting in Paris on July 8, organisers confirmed yesterday.

It will be the Jamaican's third consecutive appearance in the French capital, but his first time to run the 200m at the Stade de France.

Bolt, the Olympic and world champion and world record holder in the 100m, 200m and 4x100m relay, last year clocked 9.84sec to beat compatriot Asafa Powell.

In 2009 he ran a sizzling 9.79sec in cold and windy conditions just one month before his double victory at the World Championships in Berlin where he set both of his current world records of 9.58 and



19.19.

Bolt will defend his world titles in the South Korean city of Daegu in August and kicks off his Diamond League season in Rome on May 26 over 100m. He is also scheduled to race the 200m in Oslo on June 9.

While it remains to be confirmed, Bolt may take on rising French sprint star Christophe Lemaitre, the triple European champion, in Paris, organisers said.

Former manager Joe Torre to oversee Major League operations



PHOENIX, Arizona - Former manager Joe Torre has been named Major League Baseball's executive vice president for baseball operations, commissioner Bud Selig said on the weekend.

Torre, 70, retired as manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers after last season and will now oversee Major League operations, on-field discipline and umpiring.

"He is a perfect fit to lead our baseball operations staff, implement our on-field initiatives and serve as one of the game's most significant voices on major issues," Selig told reporters at a Scottsdale, Arizona, news conference.

Torre replaces John McHale, who held the position on an interim basis since June and will focus on his regular duties, leading the administrative functions of MLB's central offices.

Torre spent 29 years as a

Major League manager, working with the New York Mets (1977-1981), Atlanta Braves (1982-84), St. Louis Cardinals (1990-95), New York Yankees (1996-2007) and Dodgers (2008-10) before retiring.

The Yankees made the playoffs each year under Torre, won four World Series titles in five seasons (1996, 1998-2000) and captured the American League pennant six times.

As a player, Torre spent 18 seasons in the Major Leagues and was a nine-times All-Star who earned 1971 National League Most Valuable Player honors while playing with the St. Louis Cardinals. He also played for the Milwaukee-Atlanta Braves and New York Mets.

"Baseball has been a big part of my life, and I thank the commissioner for this opportunity," Torre said.

Snow leopard heads trio of Sochi 2014 mascots

MOSCOW, Russia - Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin got his wish when a snow leopard, polar bear and hare were chosen as the official mascots of the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics on the weekend.

Putin, who was largely responsible for Sochi's successful bid to host the 2014 Games, said earlier in the day that a snow leopard would be his "symbolic choice."

The snow leopard received 28 percent of the votes, followed by the polar bear in second place with 18 percent and the hare in third (16 percent).

"There are three mascots for the Olympic Winter Games, representing the three places on the Olympic podium," Sochi 2014 chief Dmitry Chernyshenko said in a statement.

"All top-three characters will become the Olympic Winter Games mascots. The mascots are the choice of our whole country and will remain in the history of the Olympic movement."



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Aruba Champion Kids Baseball World Series "Moca 2011"



Ariel Vasquez hands over the championship trophy to the Aruba delegation proclaiming them new Moca Mini World champions.

MOCA, The Dominican Republic -- A single by Ryan Oduber in the first half of the 11th inning drove the run to give Aruba a 3x2 victory over the Dominican Republic (La Javilla), to win the World Series of Baseball Kids "Moca 2011."

Oduber produced his winning homer with two outs and players on third and second against losing pitcher shipments Jovanny Cuevas. He immediately set the tune for the celebration of Aruba's players and fans attending the first international event, organized by the Rolando Paulino league.

Dominican (La Javilla) was the first to make two runs in the fifth inning; Blady Encarnacion's double was followed by a simple of Jovanny Cuevas and batter Wilfry Velasquez made good use of an error of the pitcher to

push the advantage for the dominicans.

But a throwing error in the Dominican shortstop with one out in the end of the sixth inning, allowed a tie and took the game to extra innings; both teams gave a real show of fielding and pitching to the delight of visitors who packed the stadium Eduardo Viñas in this city. The close game between Dominican Republic and Aruba lasted 3 hours and 50 minutes for final game records of child fair with the participation of 7 countries and more than 250 children..

Aruba first eat Mao 8.x3 and The Javilla 7 x 2, at the Moc stadium to reach the finals. Moca beat Mao 5 x 3 .

Organizing Committee Chairman (Rolando Paulino), expressed his joy at this much anticipted success; baseball in the 10 to 12 years

category is ranked as the best in the Caribbean, which reflects the charm and sweet to see these kids playing baseball.

"I'm very happy with the way the game ended, this was something extraordinary the way both teams fought for the Cup Carlos Gomez in 11 innings, no one here left the stadium despite that no local team were playing and it was almost midnight."

Outstanding players for Aruba were: Edward Thomas with two singles, Gillian Wernet and Anton Marchena Gilliam one single each. Winning pitcher is Jeandrick Oduber.

Outstanding players for the Dominican Republic were Gilberto Celestino with two singles, Oscar Vergez and Blady Incarnation double each; the losing pitcher is Jovanny Cuevas.

Tennis: Djokovic humbles Federer in Dubai final

DUBAI, United Arab Emriates -- After winning the Australian Open for a second time, Novak Djokovic said he had the confidence to win any other tournament. He sure demonstrated that at the Dubai Championships.

The No. 3-ranked Djokovic overwhelmed Roger Federer in just over an hour Saturday to win his third Dubai title and 20th overall, thrashing the 16-time Grand Slam winner 6-3, 6-3. The humbling defeat comes just weeks after Djokovic beat the Swiss star in the Australian Open semifinals

and runs the Serb's unbeaten record in 2011 to 12 matches.

"I was aware of the challenge that is expected of me on the court, and I was aware of the fact that I need to be on top of my game in order to beat Roger," said Djokovic, who was taken to three sets earlier in the tournament by Tomas Berdych and Feliciano Lopez.

"So the focus was there. I was serving really well, especially the first set. Just the perfect performance overall."

Despite the defeat, Federer will keep his No. 2 ranking ahead of Djokovic.



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Aruban Participates in Swimming Course in the Bahamas



Arubaanse Zwembond's (Aruban Swimming Organization) official, Ronald Leito recently returned from Nassau, Bahamas where he attended a special swimming course at the "FINA" Swimming Officials School 2011."

AZB regularly provides opportunities for her officials to attend advance courses to upgrade them in the discipline of swimming as well as in the synchronization of swimming.

Currently Aruba has three international officials recognized by the FINA (International Federation). The course held in the Bahamas was a part of a series of courses organized by FINA called "FINA Schools" which are offered to all disciplines of aquatic sports.

In order for an official to maintain his recognition, he is required to participate in these courses.

AZB's officials are constantly active on different areas throughout the year; in the pool as well as in other areas. As an example of these activities, we can mention that on the 18th and 19th of June 2010, Ronald Leito participated together with another FINA swimming official,

Mayens Tromp, in a course organized by the Aruba Olympic Committee, dubbed "Deporte Hubenil den Desaroyo di un bon Nacion" (The Development of Youth Sports in a successful Nation).

Leito and Tromp also participated in a swimming clinic in Havana, Cuba in June 2010.

Other examples of AZB's activities included a Swimming Clinic - Rules & Techniques FINA 2009-2013, which was held in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico under the auspices of the Olympic Games of Central America and the Caribbean. Then, in April 2010, Ronald Leito participated in the "FINA World Swimming Officials Seminar" in Singapore at which event all swimming officials worldwide were in attendance for the revision and adaptation of the swimming rules through to 2013.

Above photo shows the President of FINA, Mrs. Carol Zaleski of the US, presenting Ronald Leito, the FINA technical manual at the completion of the course. The FINA manual is considered the "Bible of FINA." Mrs. Zaleski is the President of the FINA Technical Swimming Committee.

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OSLO, Norway -- Photo shows Japan's Daiki Ito soaring in the air as he competes in the men's team normal hill ski jump during the Nordic Skiing World Championships in Oslo on February 27, 2011. (AFP PHOTO)

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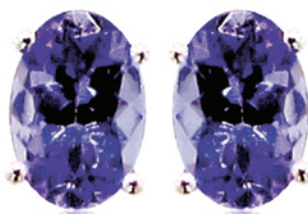


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